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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

.. to those parents who supervised and transported to this week's interschool cross country .. and especially to Jenny Crawford who co-ordinated our team.

.. to those who supported our senior EOTC day at the Smith's farm .. and to the Smith's for making us so welcome at the farm.

### People of the week

.. those children who ran their hearts out at this week's interschool cross country (more to follow).

.. our Science and Technology Fair representatives for your outstanding achievements this week (more to follow).

.. Hawk Kimpton-Exley won "Player of the day" for Takahiwai Rugby League.

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).

We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

5 September

Trivia Night

8 September

AIMS games

10 September

Year 7 Boostrix vaccination

18 September

Northland Cross Country Championships

22/23 Sept

School production

26 September

Final day of term 3

### Our current virtue is ENTHUSIASM

Please be alert to demonstrations of this virtue over coming weeks.

### Some reminders from the last newsletter

.. Calf Club Day has been scheduled for Thursday 23 October.

.. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of the headlice problem.

.. Please return any calf club trophies from Central Day.

.. Please ensure your children open car doors carefully in the upper carpark

.. vegetarian sausages now available for order on a Wednesday

### Be on the alert ... strep throat

We have been advised of a number of cases of strep throat recently. Strep throat can be very serious. If in doubt about any severe and/or persistent sore throat we suggest you see your child's GP.

### New class

Parents are advised that our second New Entrant class will start up week beginning 9.9. (week 8 of this term). This class will initially be shared by Mrs Abbot and Mrs Robertson, with Mrs Abbott teaching this class full time in term 4. This enables us to keep numbers as low as possible in our New Entrant rooms.

### Congratulations

.. to the following children for your successes at this week's interschool cross-country .. a huge achievement given the number of entrants and the challenges of the course. Well done!

8 Yr Old and Under Girls	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Eve
9 yr Old Girls	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Amy
11 Yr Old Girls	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sarah
12 Yr Old Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Natasha Tegan
12 Yr Old Girls Teams Event	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Natasha Tegan Michelle Seung Eun

### Congratulations

.. to the following children who did outstandingly well at this week's Regional Science and Technology Fair.

<b>Year 7 Presentation Award</b>	Winner - Kauri Snail - Grace
<b>Best Year 7 Research Award</b>	Winner - Longfin Eels-Edge of Extinction - Isaac Highly Commended - Kauri Snail - Grace Highly Commended - Argentine Ants - Johnathan
<b>Best Year 7 Exhibit Award</b>	Winner - Longfin Eels-Edge of Extinction - Isaac
<b>Year 8 Applied Science Award</b>	Winner - Coke Casualties - Ollie
<b>Best Year 8 Investigation Award</b>	Winner - Coke Casualties - Ollie Highly Commended - Snap'n Trap - Caleb
<b>Best Year 8 Research Award</b>	Highly Commended - Head Lice - Tayla
<b>Royal Forest &amp; Bird Protection Society Award</b>	Highly Commended - Mangroves-Marvellous or Menace - Samuel Winner - Longfin Eels-Edge of Extinction - Isaac
<b>Department of Conservation Award</b>	Winner - Leaching and Runoff - Se Heun Highly Commended - Longfin Eels-Edge of Extinction - Isaac
<b>Farmlands Central Northland Research Award</b>	Winner - Mangroves-Marvellous or Menace - Samuel
<b>Farmlands Primary Industry Award</b>	Winner - The Buzz on Fruit Fly - Angus Highly Commended - Coke Casualties - Ollie

### Pubertal Change Meeting (Year 7 and 8)

This unit will commence shortly. If you were unable to attend this week's meeting please feel free to contact Mr Delemare with any questions. More to follow.

### Parents of Room 3 Children

If you haven't heard, room 3 children have written and illustrated their own book called "Sandy the Swamp Spider". This will be professionally bound and on sale soon. Order forms will be sent home in a week or two with room 3 children. We are hoping for a special price on these books and so maybe see if grandparents and other extended family members are interested. Will get back to you on this.

### If planning time away from school for your children

.. please arrange this for term break where possible. If this is not possible (we do understand) please email the school with a formal request for exemption from school stating grounds (e.g. family, educational etc.) We can have a response back to you within a day or two.

### Out of zone places

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2015 as follows ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current and former students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priority 6)

.. five places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priority 6)

Application forms are available from the school office.

### Home Gardens

Meetings Thursday lunchtime in Room 1. Parents please email photos of progress with gardens to [tosabbot@matarau.school.nz](mailto:tosabbot@matarau.school.nz). Photos will be shared at the meetings to maintain enthusiasm. Your child should have received a diary this week. If not See Mrs Abbott on Thursday (Rm12) or Friday (Rm 9). Alternatively they can be collected from the office.

### Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Players of the Day"



Mini Sticks

Natasha

### Scholastic Books

Issue 6 went home this week. All orders and payments due back at the office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Trivia Night**

Our Trivia evening is Friday 5 September 2014 and we could really do with more helpers! Helping out is a great way to meet new people and have some fun while raising money for our school. If you can help with:

- Friday morning - set up and decoration
- Friday evening - serving and bar
- Saturday - clean up

Please email [donna@digitype.co.nz](mailto:donna@digitype.co.nz), or come to our **next meeting** (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> in the staff room). Also if you know anyone who you think might be interested in sponsorship/prizes or if you are someone who runs a business in the area and would like to support the school in return for advertising to the locals please get in touch.

### Wanted - Dress Up Costumes

As part of their discovery time, our Year 2's are looking for dress up costumes. If you have any outgrown dress up costumes that you would like to donate please see Miss Bevin, Room 4.

### Te Reo Phrase of the Week

Nā wai tēnei pene? Whose pen is this?

### Finally

Final thoughts this week are directed at our Science and Technology exhibitors for their achievements at this week's fair. Not only did these children receive some impressive acknowledgements academically (winning a number of top awards), they also were noted for their exemplary conduct and manners during the fair. They have been fine ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of what they have achieved. A further thanks is due to parents for their unflinching support, and to Mr D and Mrs Donaldson for walking their students through this process. We know for a fact that this level of teaching support is not enjoyed in most other schools. It was also noted that many former Matarau year 7 and 8's continued to win secondary awards, often through application of the skills they learnt here. Well done to all involved.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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### Community Notices

**For Rent** – 3 Bedroom house, Rushbrook Rd \$350pw. No dogs. Tel Diane 4335629.

**Quarry Arts After School Programme** – Monday - Cloth, Paper Scissors – Crafting with Stacey Townsend, 4:00-5:30, \$20 per class, bring a friend discount \$15 each, Tuesday Cartooning – with Andy Griffiths ([www.andygriffiths.com](http://www.andygriffiths.com)), 4:00-5:30, \$20 per class, bring a friend discount \$15 each. *All materials provided!* Call the Quarry Arts Centre for more details (09)4381215

**Kids Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ)**

Friday at 5pm at Radfit in 25A Herekino Street, \$5 charge, Ages 8-16. Please contact Dave Fletcher 021 2377918 for more information

**Action Zone Kidz Camp** – 28<sup>th</sup> Sep – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, Marsden Bay Christian Camp, Ruakaka. Wide variety of activities – Motorbikes, buggies, canoes, water slide, flying fox, archery, slug guns, pancake making, trust course, sports rounds, and much more. For further info ph 094380333 or [actionzonecamps@gmail.com](mailto:actionzonecamps@gmail.com)

**Whangarei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts** (WADPA) are a dance school offering classes for all children from 3-18 years. With over 35 years teaching dance to the local community, offering classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acrobatic, contemporary, Gym, Tumbling, conditioning and Musical Theatre. All teachers are fully registered. For more info check out our website [www.love2dance.co.nz](http://www.love2dance.co.nz) email [info@love2dance.co.nz](mailto:info@love2dance.co.nz) or pop into our new premises at 29 Commerce st

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**Table Tennis** – Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm Terms 2 & 3. Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Sub \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries phone Brent Davies 094027695

**Northland Baseball** – Beginning Monday afternoon, Term 4. Boys and Girls welcome, no experience necessary. For more info check out Facebook @ Northland Baseball or email [northlandbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:northlandbaseball@gmail.com)

## **MIDDLE/SENIOR PRODUCTION 2014**

This term the Middle and Senior School will be performing an original production "The Wizard of Middle Earth". We are well into production practice and would love some community support.

**Feathers Wanted - PLEASE!**

Long feathers, turkey tail feathers are ideal, for kapa haka portion of the production performance. Please bring to the office.



*Evening performances are 22nd and 23rd September with a matinee on the 23rd as well.*

Any other inquiries to Simon Schuster at [sschuster@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sschuster@matarau.school.nz)  
Alternatively please call us at school or drop by.

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# Trivia Night

**Friday 5 September 2014**

**Tickets on sale from the Office now  
\$25 per person or \$120 for a table of 6**

